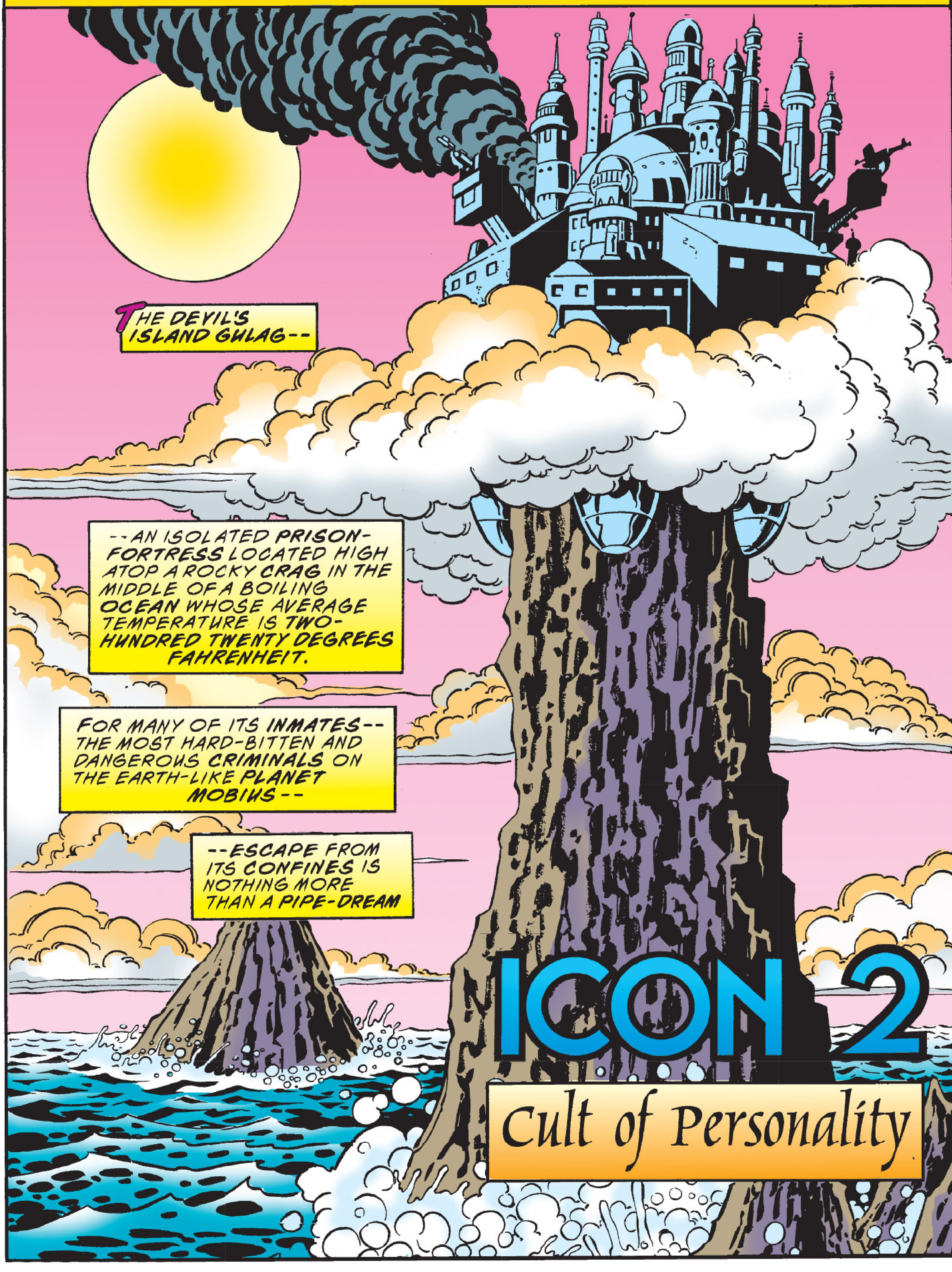

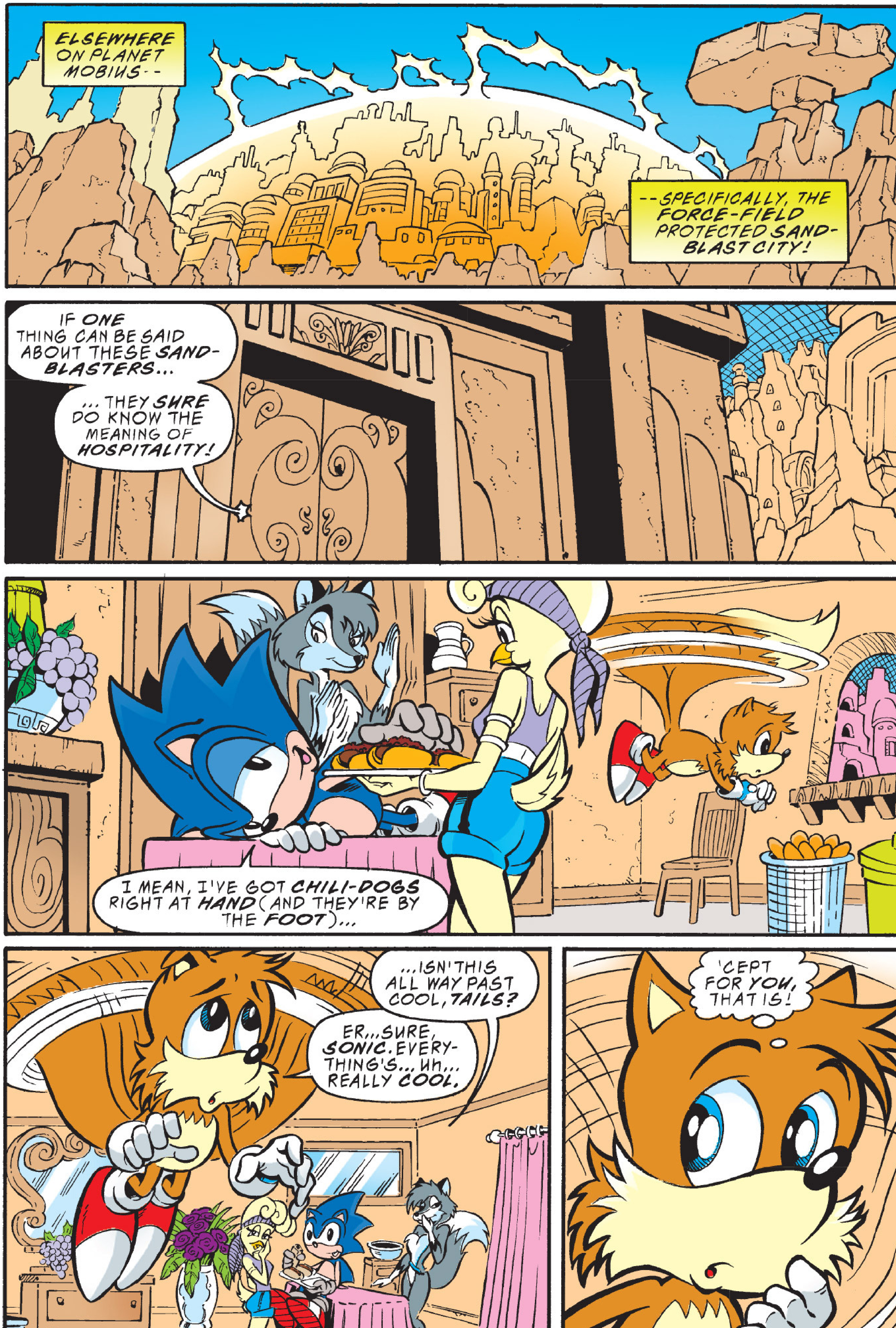

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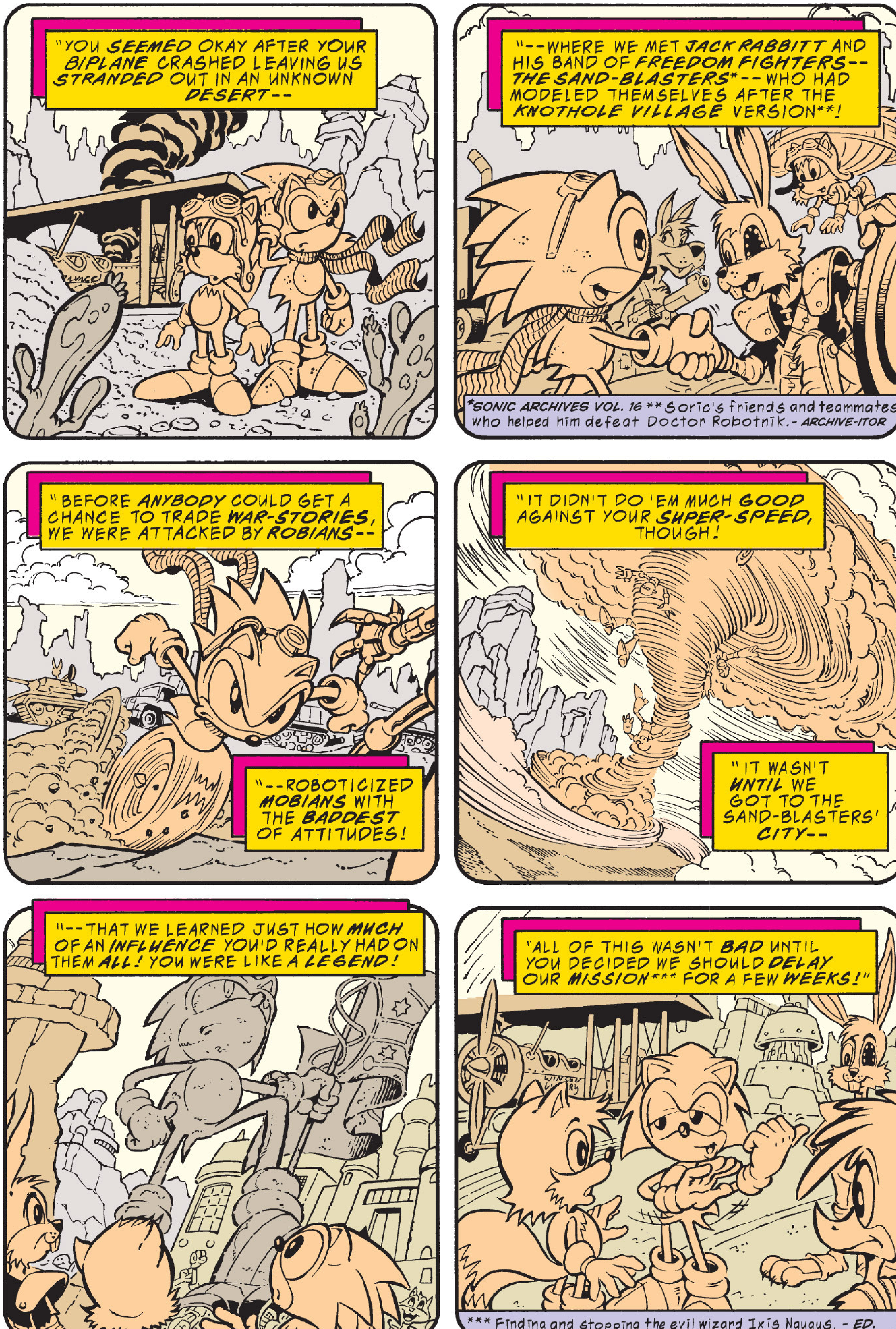
The planet Mobius was once a virtual paradise until it was conquered by the evil Doctor Robotnik! His technological tyranny would have continued if not for a heroic group of freedom fighters who banded together and restored order to the Kingdom of Acorn! The bravest among them is a blue streak filled with the most attitude going around - - and, without a doubt, he is the fastest thing alive!
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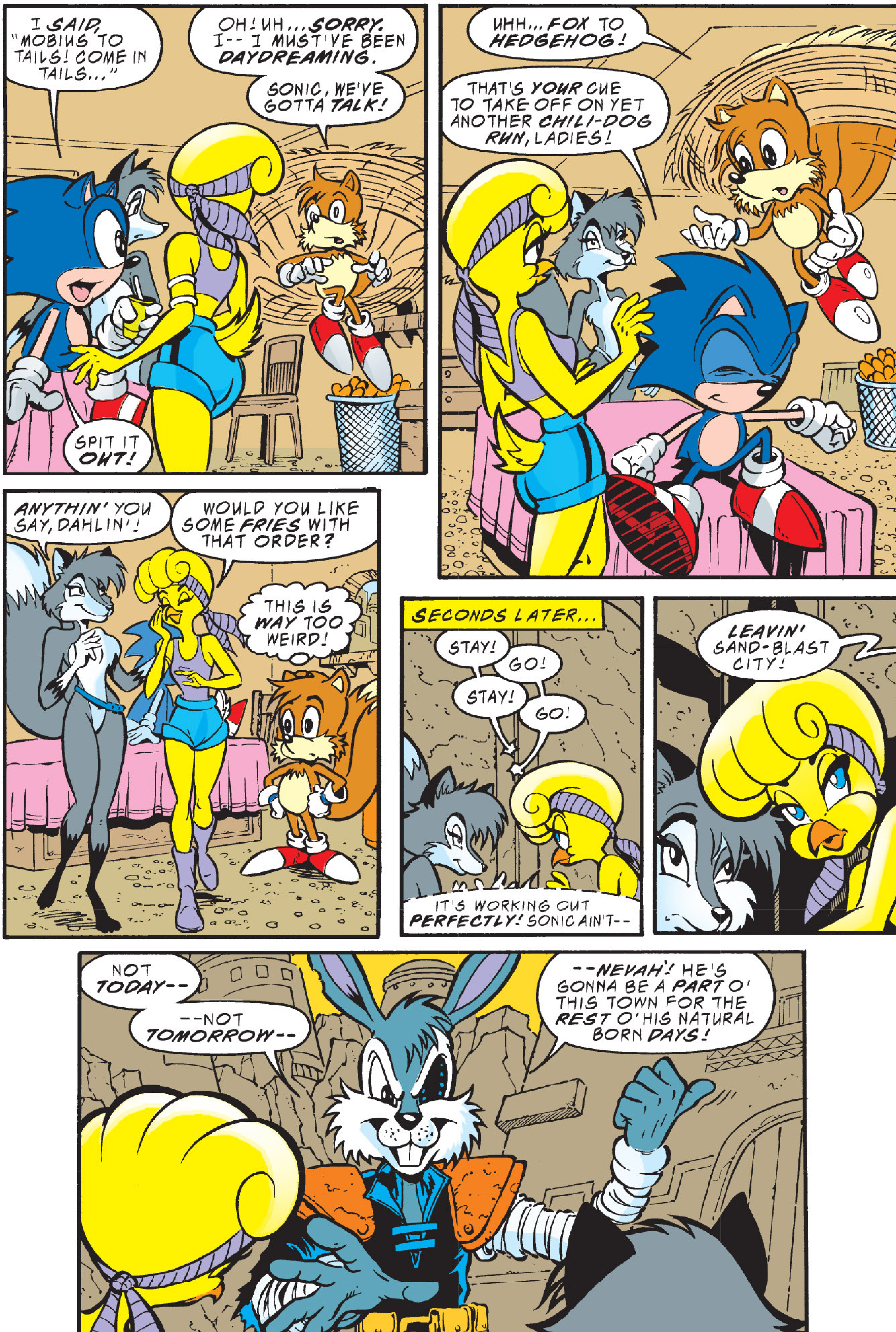


SO WHAT MAKES TODAY SO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER?
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SNIVELY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO THIS TIME? WHEN I TOLD THE OTHER PRISONERS THAT I WAS PLANNING A BREAK-OUT...
...I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE FIVE MINUTES LATER!*
*AS SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16

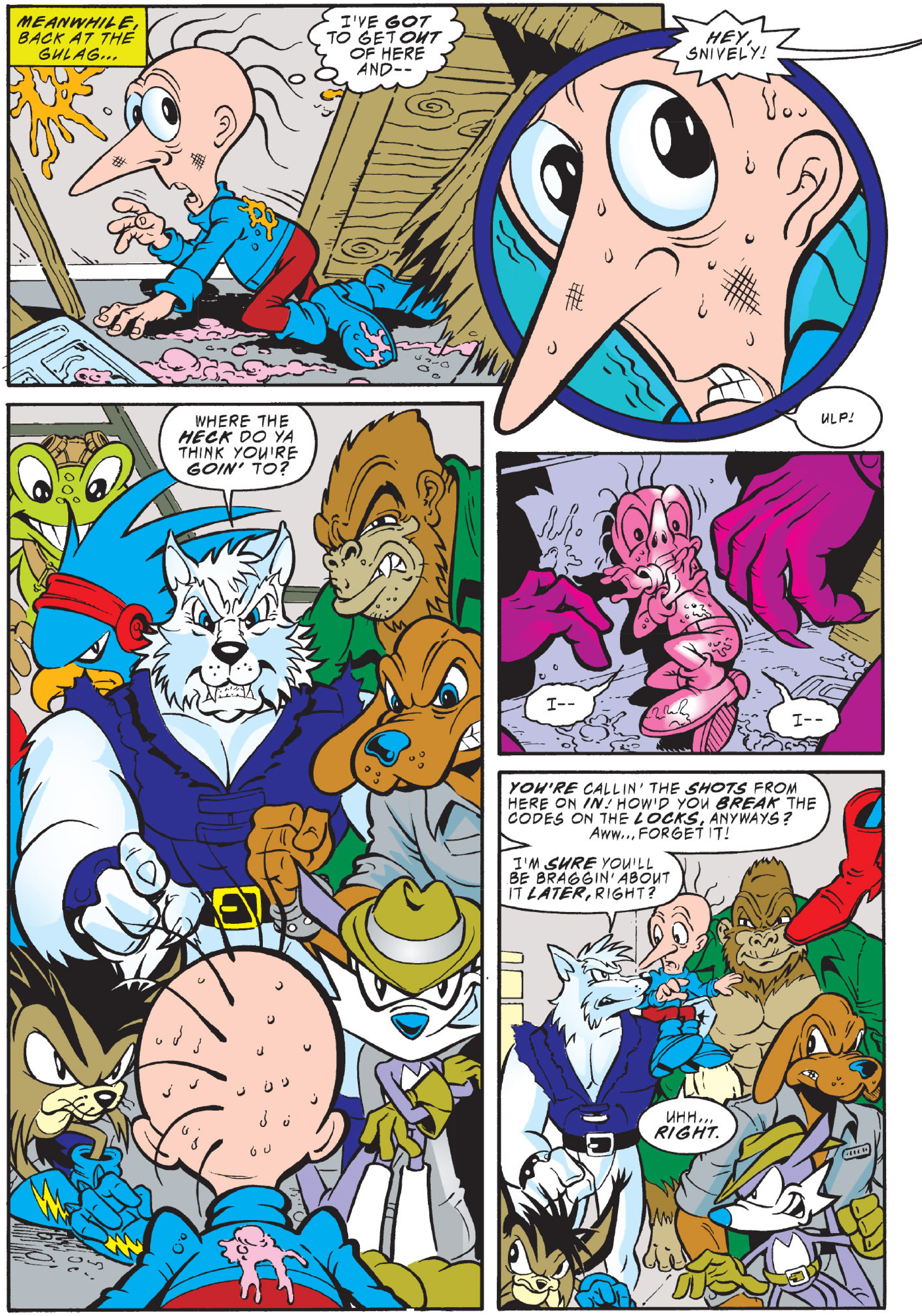

ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBIUS--
--SPECIFICALLY, THE FORCE-FIELD PROTECTED SAND-BLAST CITY!
IF ONE THING CAN BE SAID ABOUT THESE SAND-BLASTERS...
...THEY SURE DO KNOW THE MEANING OF HOSPITALITY!
I MEAN, I'VE GOT CHILI-DOGS RIGHT AT HAND (AND THEY'RE BY THE FOOT)...
...ISN'T THIS ALL WAY PAST COOL, TAILS?
ER...SURE, SONIC. EVERY-THING'S... UH... REALLY COOL.
'CEPT FOR YOU, THAT IS!

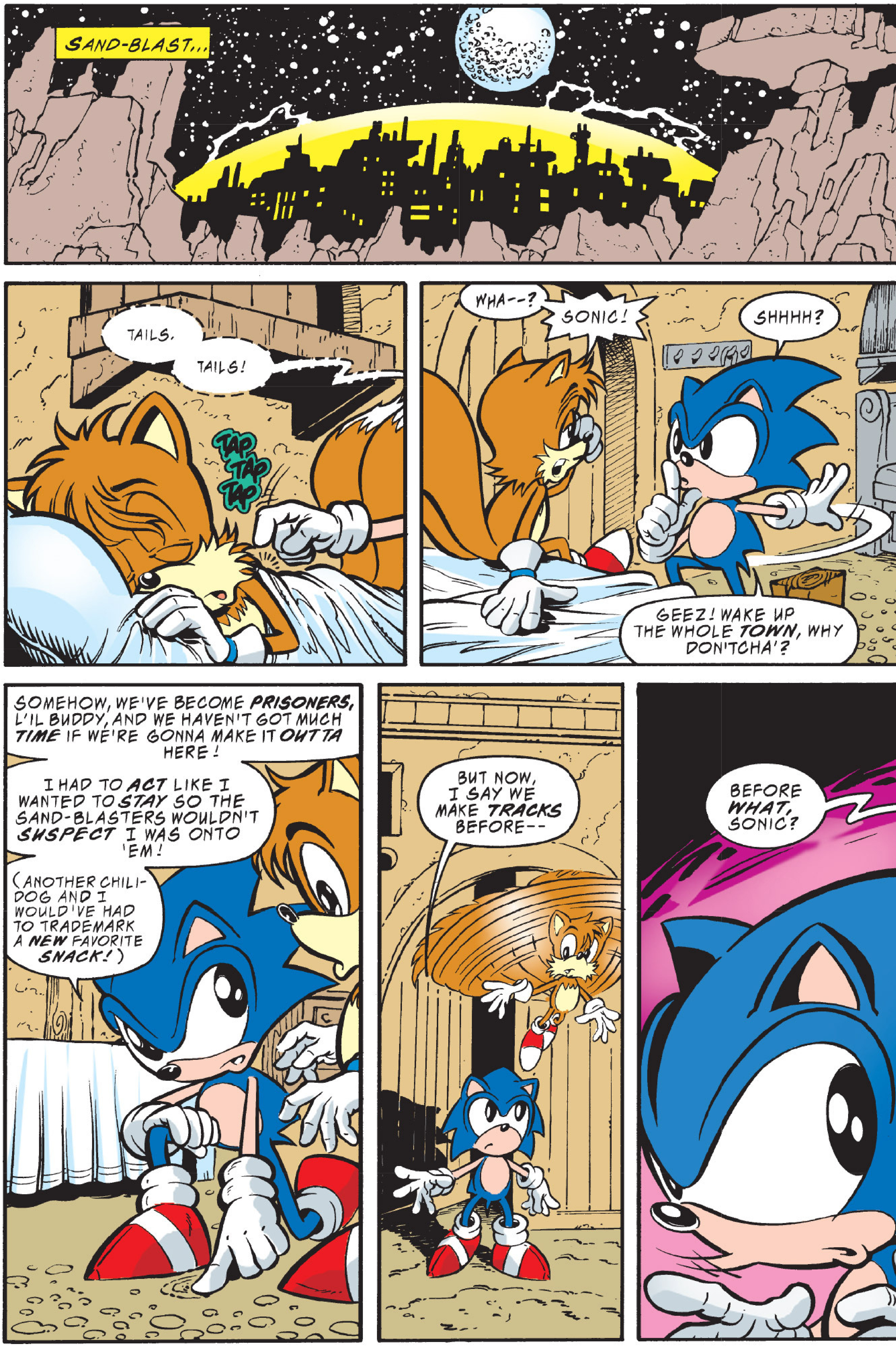


"YOU SEEMED OKAY AFTER YOUR BIPLANE CRASHED LEAVING US STRANDED OUT IN AN UNKNOWN DESERT--
"--WHERE WE MET JACK RABBITT AND HIS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--THE SAND-BLASTERS*--WHO HAD MODELED THEMSELVES AFTER THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VERSION**!
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 ** Sonic's friends and teammates who helped him defeat Doctor Robotnik. - ARCHIVE-ITOR
"BEFORE ANYBODY COULD GET A CHANCE TO TRADE WAR-STORIES, WE WERE ATTACKED BY ROBIANS--
"--ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS WITH THE BADDEST OF ATTITUDES!
"IT DIDN'T DO 'EM MUCH GOOD AGAINST YOUR SUPER-SPEED, THOUGH!
"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SAND-BLASTERS' CITY--
"--THAT WE LEARNED JUST HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE YOU'D REALLY HAD ON THEM ALL! YOU WERE LIKE A LEGEND!
"ALL OF THIS WASN'T BAD UNTIL YOU DECIDED WE SHOULD DELAY OUR MISSION*** FOR A FEW WEEKS!"
*** Finding and stopping the evil wizard Ixis Naugus. - ED.

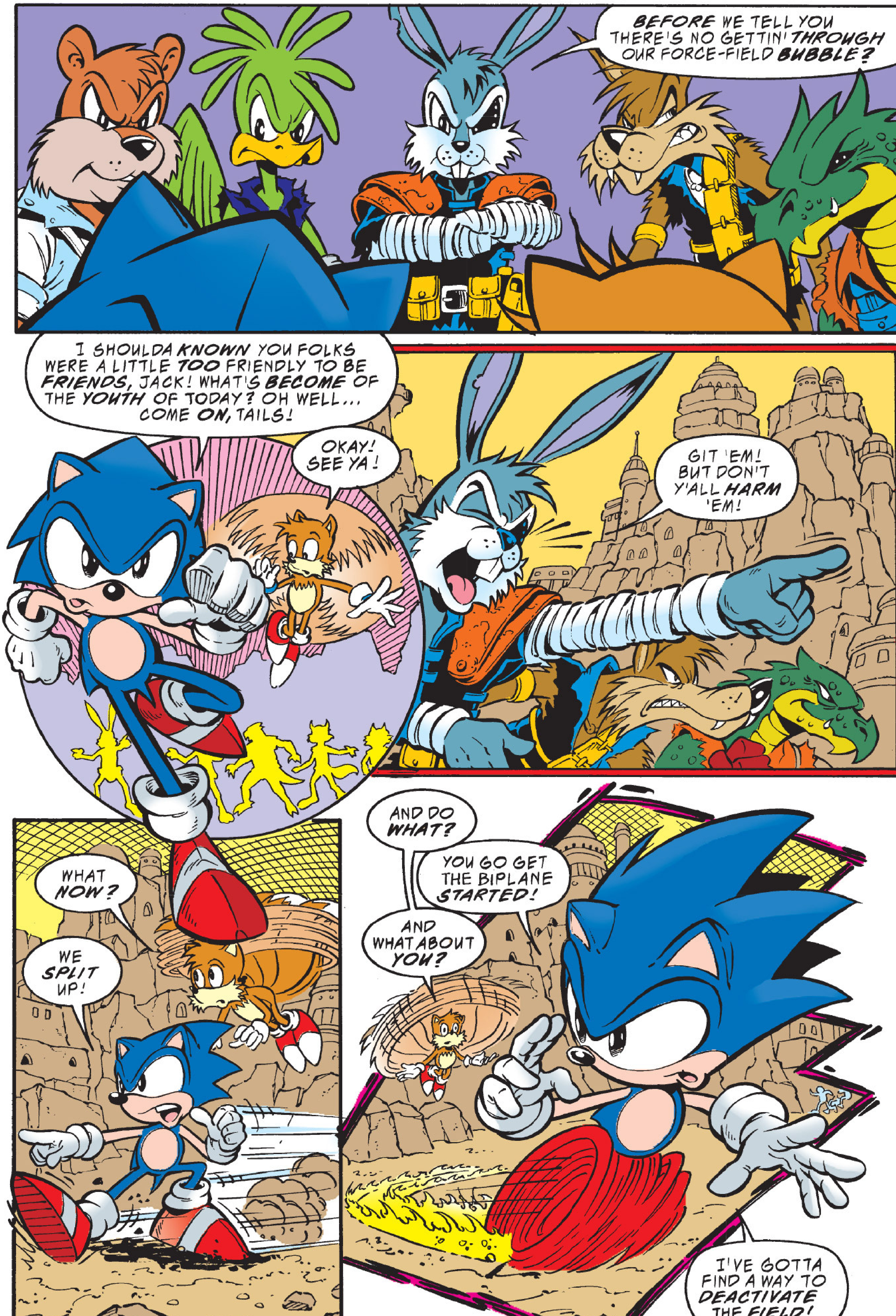


I SAID, "MOBIUS TO TAILS! COME IN TAILS..."
OH! UH... SORRY. I-- I MUST'VE BEEN DAYDREAMING.
SONIC, WE'VE GOTTA TALK!
SPIT IT OUT!
UHH... FOX TO HEDGEHOG!
THAT'S YOUR CUE TO TAKE OFF ON YET ANOTHER CHILI-DOG RUN, LADIES!
ANYTHIN' YOU SAY, DAHLIN'!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME FRIES WITH THAT ORDER?
THIS IS WAY TOO WEIRD!
SECONDS LATER...
STAY!
GO!
STAY!
GO!
IT'S WORKING OUT PERFECTLY! SONIC AIN'T--
LEAVIN' SAND-BLAST CITY!
NOT TODAY--
--NOT TOMORROW--
--NEVAH! HE'S GONNA BE A PART O' THIS TOWN FOR THE REST O' HIS NATURAL BORN DAYS!

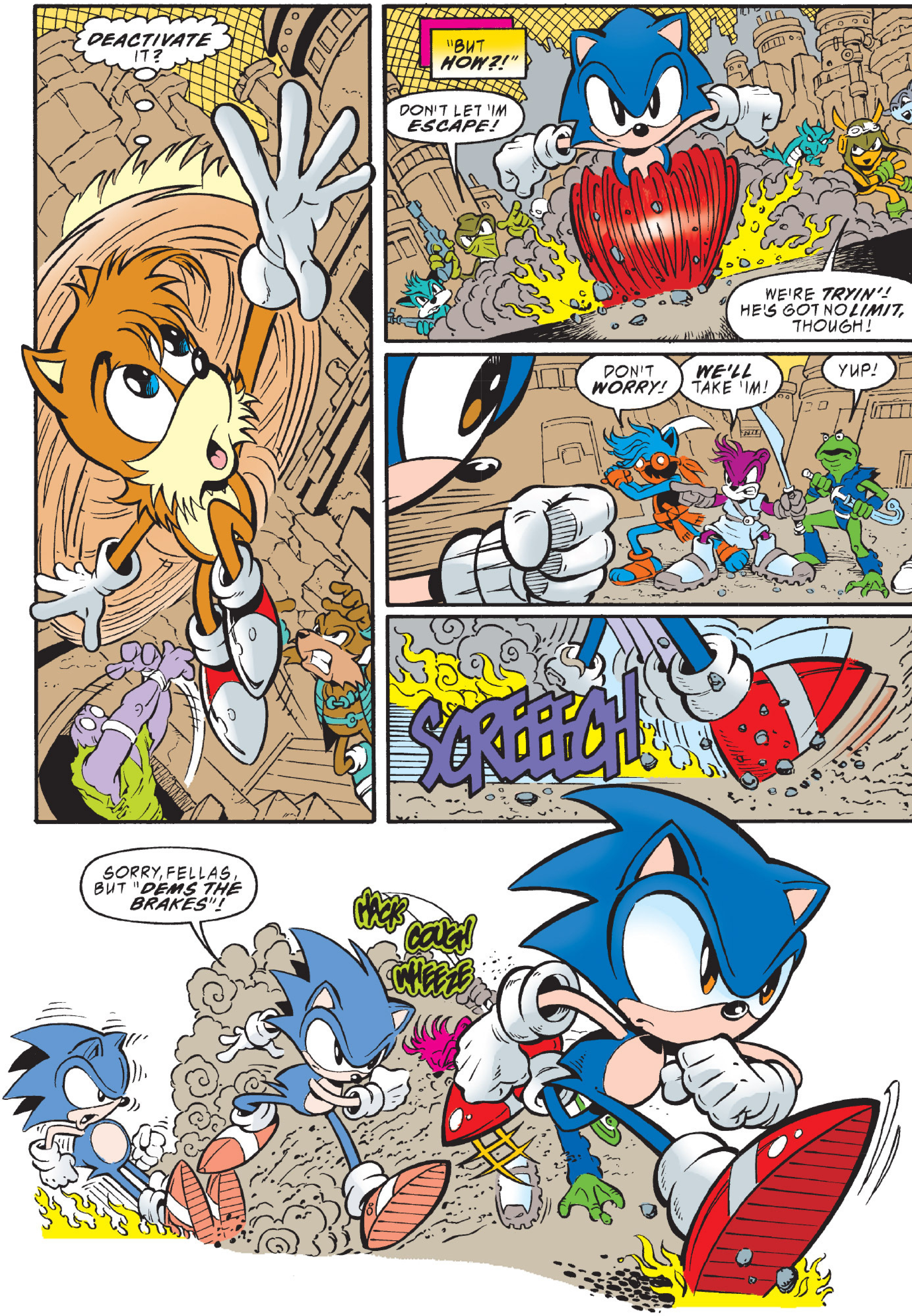

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE GULAG...
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND--
HEY, SNIVELY!
ULP!
WHERE THE HECK DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN' TO?
I--
I--
YOU'RE CALLIN' THE SHOTS FROM HERE ON IN! HOW'D YOU BREAK THE CODES ON THE LOCKS, ANYWAYS? AWW... FORGET IT!
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT LATER, RIGHT?
UHH... RIGHT.

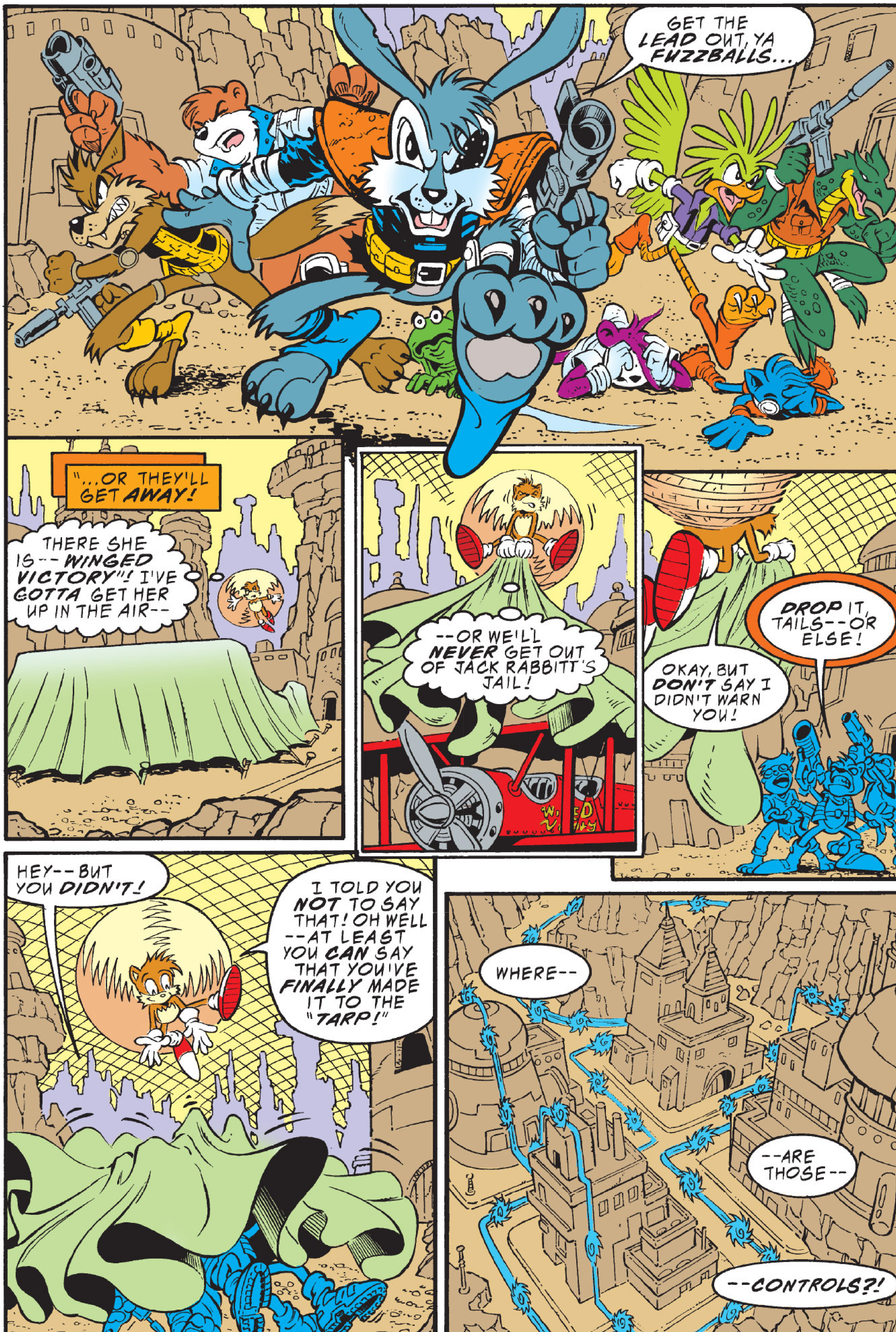


SAND-BLAST...
TAILS.
TAILS!
TAP TAP TAP
WHA--?
SONIC!
SHHHH?
GEEZ! WAKE UP THE WHOLE TOWN, WHY DON'TCHA'?
SOMEHOW, WE'VE BECOME PRISONERS, L'IL BUDDY, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME IF WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!
I HAD TO ACT LIKE I WANTED TO STAY SO THE SAND-BLASTERS WOULDN'T SUSPECT I WAS ONTO 'EM!
(ANOTHER CHILI-DOG AND I WOULD'VE HAD TO TRADEMARK A NEW FAVORITE SNACK!)
BUT NOW, I SAY WE MAKE TRACKS BEFORE--
BEFORE WHAT, SONIC?


BEFORE WE TELL YOU THERE'S NO GETTIN' THROUGH OUR FORCE-FIELD BUBBLE?
I SHOULDA KNOWN YOU FOLKS WERE A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO BE FRIENDS, JACK! WHAT'S BECOME OF THE YOUTH OF TODAY? OH WELL... COME ON, TAILS!
OKAY! SEE YA!
GIT 'EM! BUT DON'T Y'ALL HARM 'EM!
WHAT NOW?
WE SPLIT UP!
AND DO WHAT?
YOU GO GET THE BIPLANE STARTED!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO DEACTIVATE THE FIELD!


DEACTIVATE IT?
"BUT HOW?!"
DON'T LET 'IM ESCAPE!
WE'RE TRYIN'! HE'S GOT NO LIMIT, THOUGH!
DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL TAKE 'IM!
YUP!
SCREEECH
SORRY, FELLAS, BUT "DEMS THE BRAKES"!
HACK
COUGH
WHEEZE

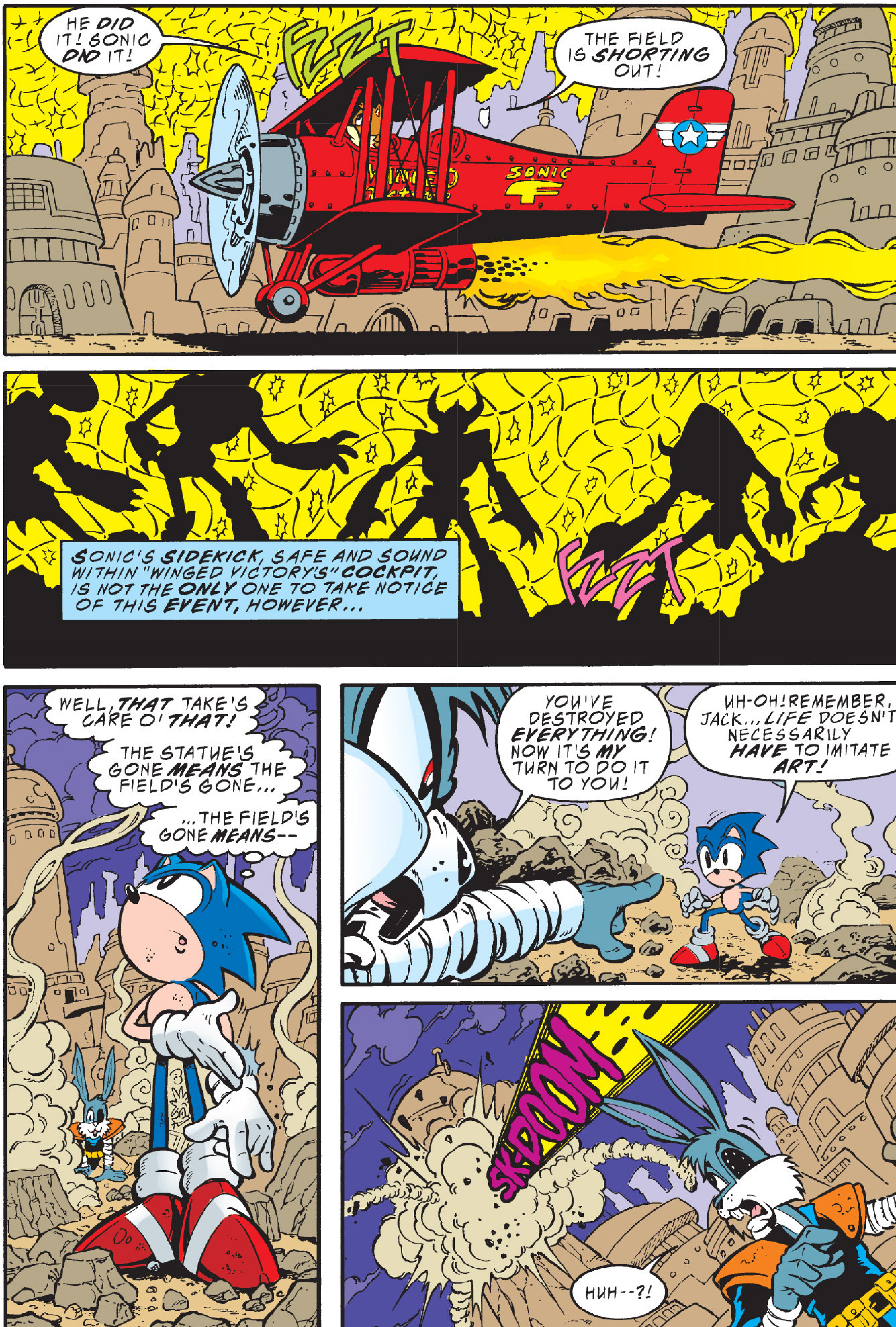


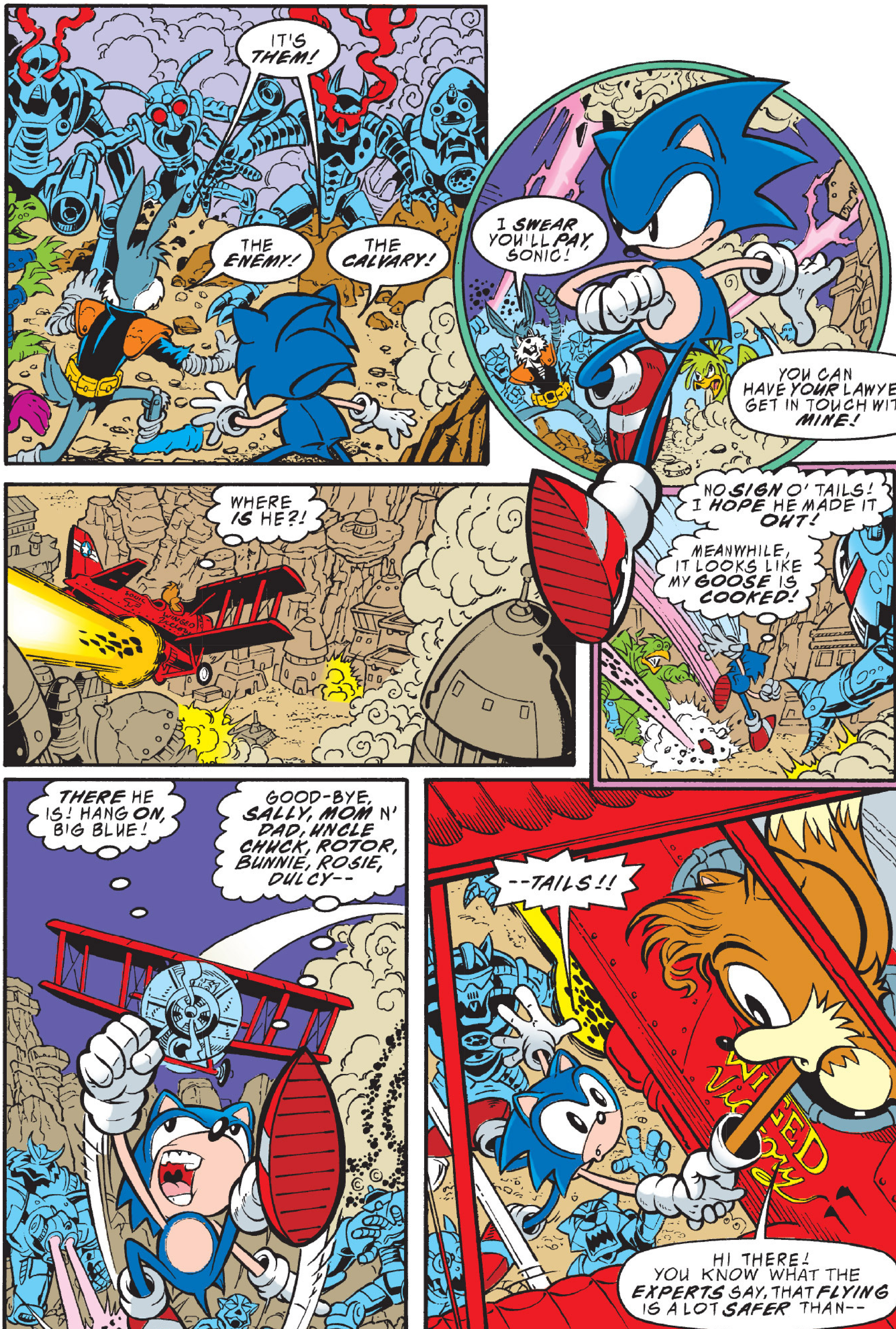
GET THE LEAD OUT, YA FUZZBALLS...
"...OR THEY'LL GET AWAY!
THERE SHE IS--"WINGED VICTORY"! I'VE GOTTA GET HER UP IN THE AIR--
--OR WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF JACK RABBITT'S JAIL!
DROP IT, TAILS--OR ELSE!
OKAY, BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!
HEY--BUT YOU DIDN'T!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY THAT! OH WELL --AT LEAST YOU CAN SAY THAT YOU'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE "TARP!"
WHERE--
--ARE THOSE--
--CONTROLS?!

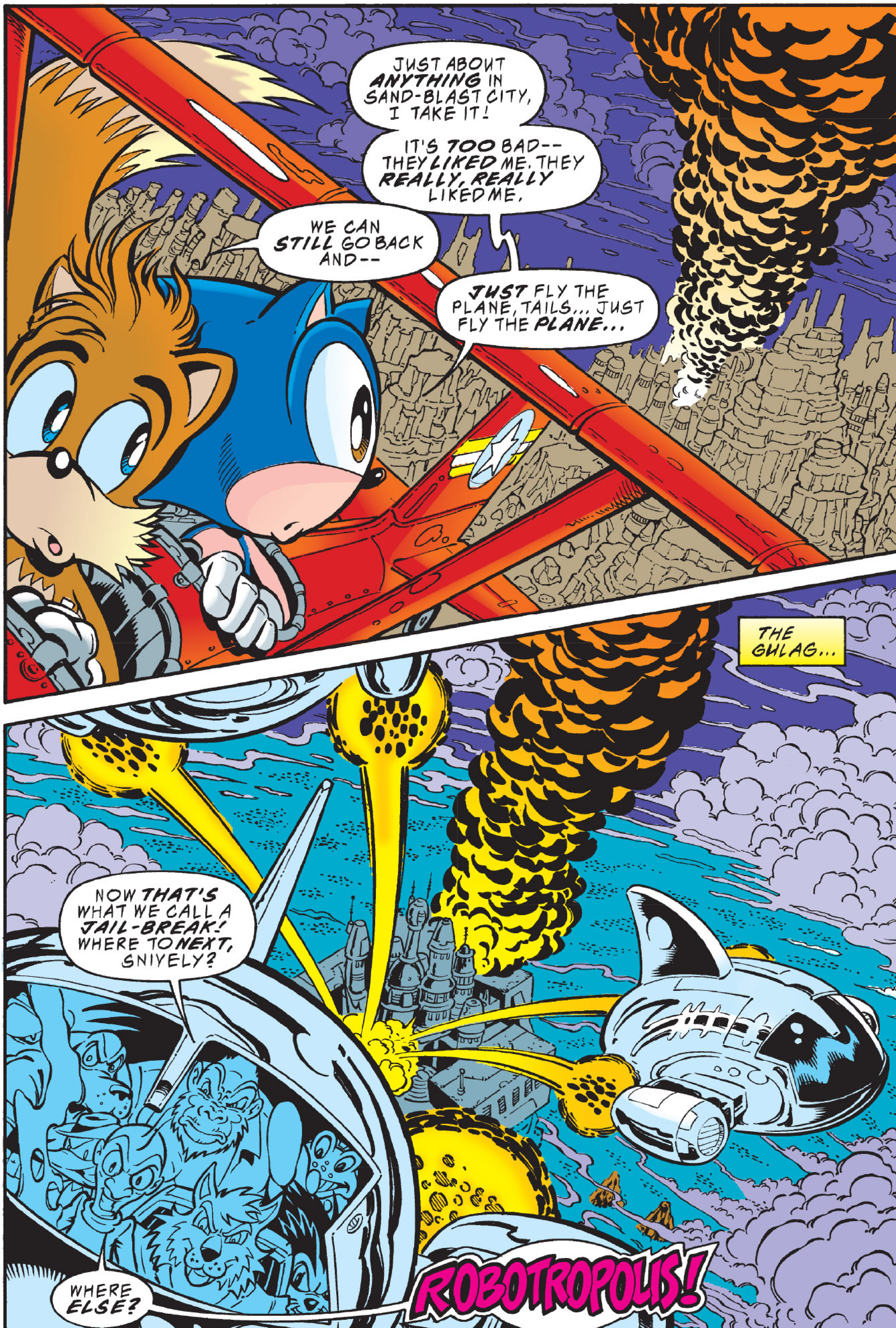


THAT'S IT!
IT WAS IN MY FACE ALL ALONG! AFTER ALL, WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SAND-BLAST CITY? THE PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD THAT KEEPS OUT THE ROBIANS!
SNAP
IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT ITS CONTROLS WOULD BE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOT AROUND HERE!
AND JACK SAID IT HIMSELF!*
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 FOR THE CLUE. - DETECTIV-ITOR
SHEESH! TALK ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL CONFLICTS! WELL, HERE GOES...
GANGWAY, FANBOYS!
THE HEDGEHOG'S COMIN' THROUGH!
AS MUCH AS I'LL HATE MYSELF FOR DOIN' THIS--
"--IT'S GOTTA BE DONE!
OH N--


HASTA LA VISTA--
--"ME"-STAH!
SMASH!


HE DID IT! SONIC DID IT!
FZZT
THE FIELD IS SHORTING OUT!
SONIC'S SIDEKICK, SAFE AND SOUND WITHIN "WINGED VICTORY'S" COCKPIT, IS NOT THE ONLY ONE TO TAKE NOTICE OF THIS EVENT, HOWEVER...
FZZT
WELL, THAT TAKE'S CARE O' THAT!
THE STATUE'S GONE MEANS THE FIELD'S GONE...
...THE FIELD'S GONE MEANS--
YOU'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DO IT TO YOU!
UH-OH! REMEMBER, JACK... LIFE DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO IMITATE ART!
SKDOOM
HUH--?!

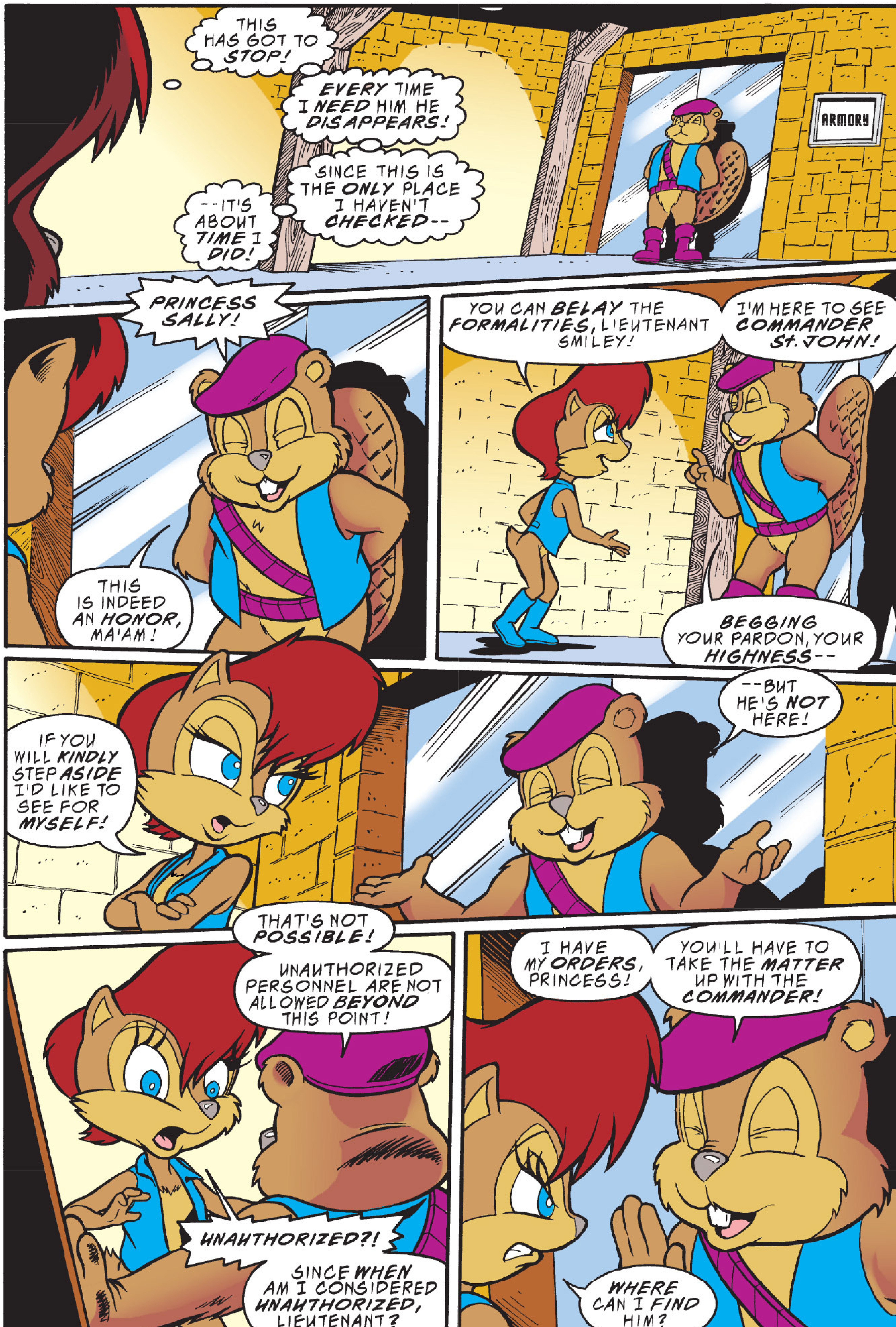

IT'S THEM!
THE ENEMY!
THE CALVARY!
I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY, SONIC!
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH MINE!
WHERE IS HE?!
NO SIGN O' TAILS! I HOPE HE MADE IT OUT!
MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE MY GOOSE IS COOKED!
THERE HE IS! HANG ON, BIG BLUE!
GOOD-BYE, SALLY, MOM N' DAD, UNCLE CHUCK, ROTOR, BUNNIE, ROSIE, DULCY--
--TAILS!!
HI THERE! YOU KNOW WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY, THAT FLYING IS A LOT SAFER THAN--



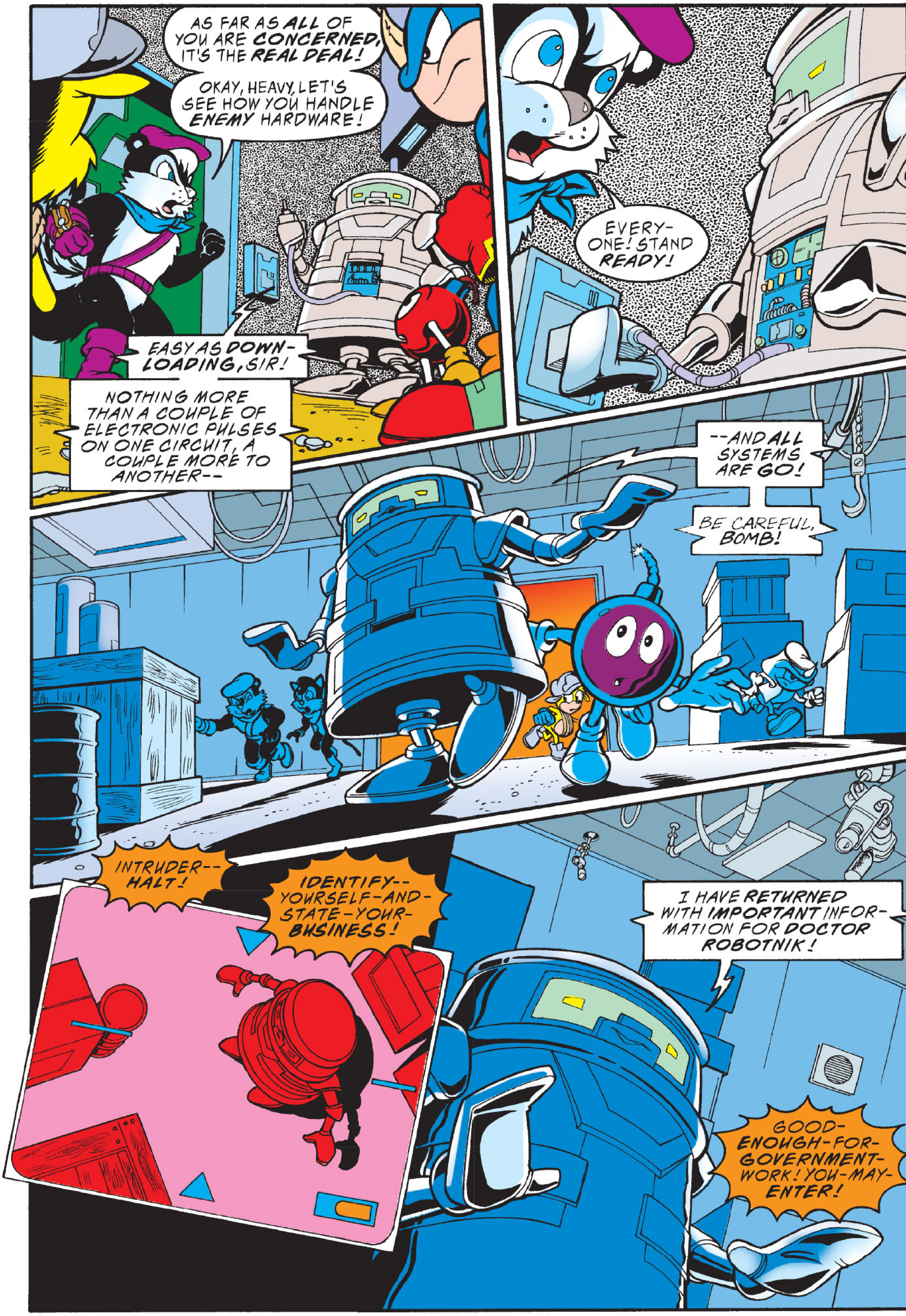
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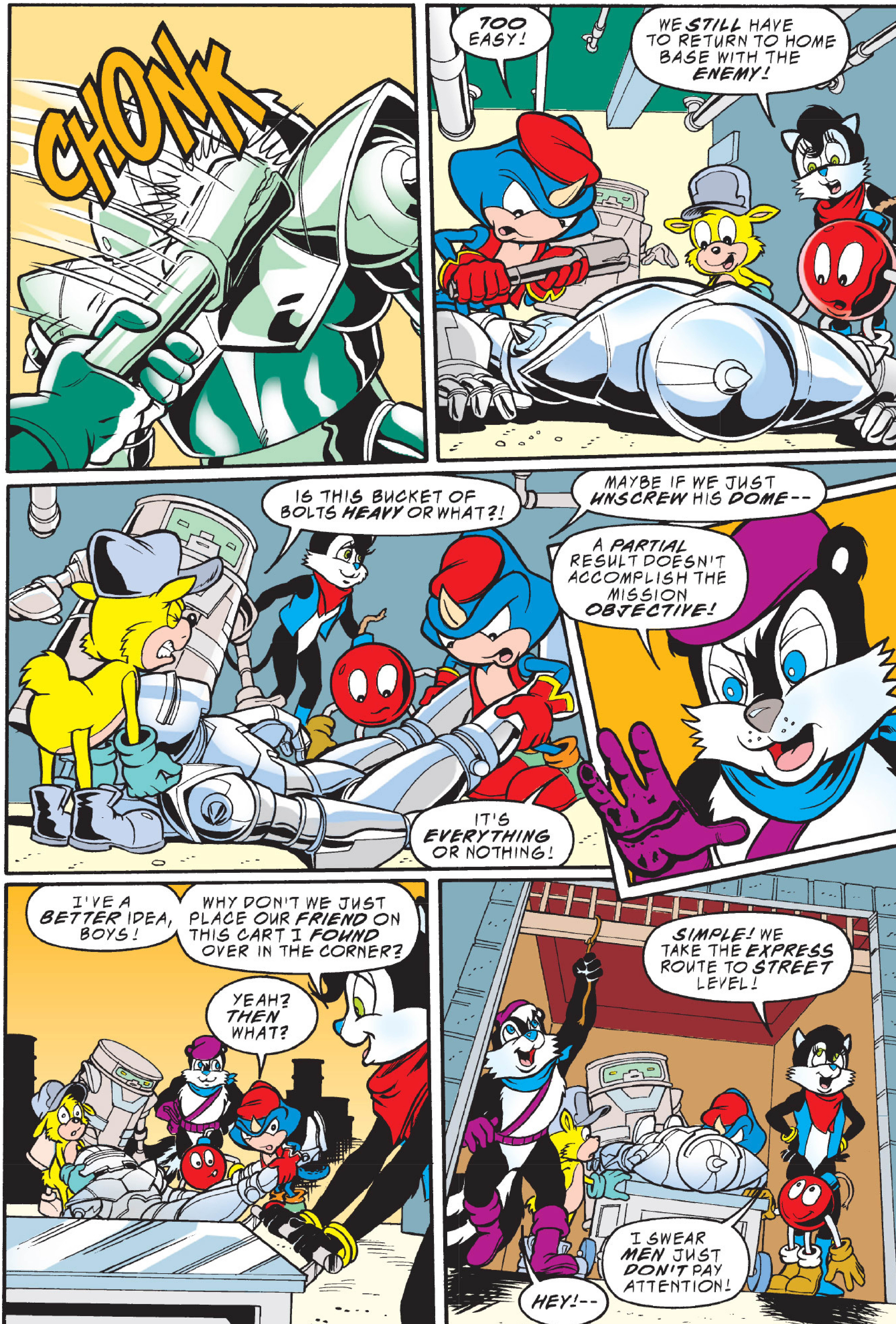
THE "PRO ART"
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THIS HAS GOT TO STOP!
EVERY TIME I NEED HIM HE DISAPPEARS!
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I HAVEN'T CHECKED--
--IT'S ABOUT TIME I DID!
ARMORY
PRINCESS SALLY!
THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR, MA'AM!
YOU CAN BELAY THE FORMALITIES, LIEUTENANT SMILEY!
I'M HERE TO SEE COMMANDER St. JOHN!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, YOUR HIGHNESS--
--BUT HE'S NOT HERE!
IF YOU WILL KINDLY STEP ASIDE I'D LIKE TO SEE FOR MYSELF!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!
UNAUTHORIZED?!
SINCE WHEN AM I CONSIDERED UNAUTHORIZED, LIEUTENANT?
I HAVE MY ORDERS, PRINCESS!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE COMMANDER!
WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?


"I BELIEVE HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A ROUTINE WALK IN THE PARK."
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PART 3
ON MY MARK--
GET SET TO MOVE OUT, MATES!
NOW!
LET'S GO! GO! GO!
I THOUGHT HE SAID THIS WAS JUST AN OBSTACLE COURSE!
WELL, WOMBAT STU-- IT SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME!
WRITTEN, INKED and COLORED by KEN PENDERS
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AS FAR AS ALL OF YOU ARE CONCERNED, IT'S THE REAL DEAL!
OKAY, HEAVY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE ENEMY HARDWARE!
EASY AS DOWN-LOADING, SIR!
NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ELECTRONIC PULSES ON ONE CIRCUIT, A COUPLE MORE TO ANOTHER--
EVERY-ONE! STAND READY!
--AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
BE CAREFUL, BOMB!
INTRUDER--HALT!
IDENTIFY--YOURSELF--AND-STATE--YOUR-BUSINESS!
I HAVE RETURNED WITH IMPORTANT INFOR-MATION FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
GOOD-ENOUGH-FOR-GOVERNMENT-WORK! YOU-MAY-ENTER!


SENSORS DISABLED!
I DOUBT THEY WERE UP TO SPEC IN THE FIRST PLACE!
EVEN SO, WHY TAKE CHANCES, RIGHT?
NICELY DONE, VALDEZ!
WHAT NOW? THE ELEVATOR IS AT THE BOTTOM!
THINK INITIATIVE AND TEAMWORK, HERSHEY!
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT COME IN HANDY!
OKAY, TEAM! LET'S KEEP IT DOWN TO A ROAR UNTIL WE SCOPE OUT THE TERRITORY!


CHONK
TOO EASY!
WE STILL HAVE TO RETURN TO HOME BASE WITH THE ENEMY!
IS THIS BUCKET OF BOLTS HEAVY OR WHAT?!
MAYBE IF WE JUST UNSCREW HIS DOME--
A PARTIAL RESULT DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION OBJECTIVE!
IT'S EVERYTHING OR NOTHING!
I'VE A BETTER IDEA, BOYS!
WHY DON'T WE JUST PLACE OUR FRIEND ON THIS CART I FOUND OVER IN THE CORNER?
YEAH? THEN WHAT?
SIMPLE! WE TAKE THE EXPRESS ROUTE TO STREET LEVEL!
HEY!--
I SWEAR MEN JUST DON'T PAY ATTENTION!


THAT'S NOT VERY PC OF YOU, HERSH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, COMMANDER!
IF THIS ISN'T A PLEASANT SURPRISE--
LET'S CAN THE CHARM, MISTER St. JOHN!
YOU'VE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!
WOULD THAT I COULD, PRINCESS, BUT I HAVE MY ORDERS!
AS YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER--
I GET MY ORDERS FROM YOUR SUPERIOR--
KING ACORN!
MY FATHER!
BUT WHY--?!
AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH HIM, LUV!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, PRINCESS--
YOU BET I WILL, GEOFFREY!
LET'S GET THIS HUNKA TIN STOWED AWAY, TEAM! YOU'LL RECEIVE A FINAL GRADE TODAY!
NEXT: SHOW TIME! (GET READY FOR SOME SERIOUS FIREWORKS!)